

Exhibit 9

Trends in Pharmacy Costs and Utilization: Cardiovascular Agents

Aged, Blind and Disabled Aid Categories Only

Los Angeles County Fee for Service Enrollees (excludes non-FFP aid categories)

EDS processed pharmacy claims and state drug/supply codes paid through June 30, 1999

Years shown based on date of service; excludes Medicare crossover claims

1997 Avg Monthly Eligibles: 389,062

1998 Avg Monthly Eligibles: 390,804

% chg: 0%

	Total Expenditures (000s)			Net Increase/Decrease (000s)	Total Prescriptions		
	1997	1998	% chg		1997	1998	% chg
Cardiotonics	\$1,372	\$1,498	9%	\$126	113,414	111,339	-2%
Antianginal Agents	\$3,787	\$4,637	22%	\$850	182,777	186,348	2%
Beta Blockers	\$2,179	\$2,662	22%	\$483	208,996	235,652	13%
Calcium Blockers	\$33,258	\$34,449	4%	\$1,191	572,840	571,491	0%
Antiarrhythmic	\$1,968	\$2,336	19%	\$368	25,819	26,156	1%
Antihypertensive	\$24,218	\$29,845	23%	\$5,627	545,173	630,119	16%
Diuretics	\$2,831	\$3,079	9%	\$248	289,215	292,389	1%
Pressors	\$6.8	\$36.6	434%	\$30	54	209	287%
Antihyperlipidemic	\$22,367	\$27,908	25%	\$5,541	269,943	314,168	16%
Misc. Cardiovascular	\$32	\$472	1358%	\$440	60	222	270%
TOTAL	\$92,018	\$106,921	16%	\$14,902	2,208,291	2,368,093	7%

	PMPM			Prescriptions per 1,000			Cost per Prescription		
	1997	1998	% chg	1997	1998	% chg	1997	1998	% chg
Cardiotonics	\$0.29	\$0.32	9%	292	285	-2%	\$12.10	\$13.45	11%
Antianginal Agents	\$0.81	\$0.99	22%	470	477	1%	\$20.72	\$24.88	20%
Beta Blockers	\$0.47	\$0.57	22%	537	603	12%	\$10.43	\$11.30	8%
Calcium Blockers	\$7.12	\$7.35	3%	1,472	1,462	-1%	\$58.06	\$60.28	4%
Antiarrhythmic	\$0.42	\$0.50	18%	66	67	1%	\$76.22	\$89.30	17%
Antihypertensive	\$5.19	\$6.36	23%	1,401	1,612	15%	\$44.42	\$47.36	7%
Diuretics	\$0.61	\$0.66	8%	743	748	1%	\$9.79	\$10.53	8%
Pressors	\$0.00	\$0.01	432%	0.1	0.5	285%	\$126.82	\$175.09	38%
Antihyperlipidemic	\$4.79	\$5.95	24%	694	804	16%	\$82.86	\$88.83	7%
Misc. Cardiovascular	\$0.01	\$0.10	1352%	0.2	0.6	268%	\$539.95	\$2,128.31	294%
TOTAL	\$19.71	\$22.80	16%	5,676	6,060	7%	\$41.67	\$45.15	8%